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1. The steady decrease in deliveries of pyrites [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] has increased the shortages in the processing plants of East Germany. Authorities in East Germany have already considered closing down either the Schwarza synthetic fiber plant or the Coswig (Anhalt) sulphuric acid plant. However, until now it has always been possible at the crucial moment to obtain pyrite deliveries [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] by paying excessive commissions.
2. The Construction and Engineering Bureau (KIB) in Leuna has been charged with the reconstruction of a sulphuric acid plant in Maldenhuetten near Freiberg/Saxony. This plant had been dismantled during 1946. After it is completed, the plant is supposed to be capable of burning the locally available deposits of pyrites which, because of fluorine and arsenic contamination, were not exploited heretofore.
3. The operation of the plant was rendered difficult by the unavailability of several important machinery units of which no prototypes were available for copying. The KIB obtained the necessary blueprints against payment [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted]
4. The Soviet Control Commission has ordered 40 copies of the blueprints in order to make them available also to the People's Democracies under their industrial exchange program.

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